

## **Launch of San José's Green Vision Remarks from Mayor Chuck Reed**

We are here to announce San Jose's Green Vision. Our Green Vision is a roadmap to become the world's center of innovation in clean green technologies.

San Jose, the Capital of Silicon Valley, will become **The World's Center of Clean Tech Innovation**. We will do the R&D necessary to show the cities of the world how to become clean and green.

I am proposing three big goals to guide us over the next 15 years:

- Reduce our electricity usage by 50 percent per capita and get 100 percent of our electrical power from clean renewable sources.
- Become a zero waste city.
- Create 25,000 Clean Tech jobs.

We can reach those big goals through initiatives in three areas: **Clean Tech Innovation, Sustainability, and Green Mobility.**

Some of the major initiatives are:

- Install 100,000 solar roofs
- Recycle or reuse 100% of our garbage.
- Convert 100% of our solid waste into fuel.
- Reuse or recycle 100% of our water.
- Power 100% of our city vehicles with alternative fuels.
- Replace 100% of our street lights with smart, energy neutral lighting
- Plant 100,000 new trees.
- Connect 100 miles of trails for walking and biking.
- Build or retrofit 50 million square feet of green buildings.

San Jose will continue to grow, and we will demonstrate how deploying clean green technology is fiscally responsible. San Jose will help solve the climate and energy crises by reducing our carbon footprint and reducing our nation's dependence on foreign oil.

We will grow city revenues by supporting a vibrant economy and adding more jobs. We will do so with help from businesses, educational institutions, and our residents and continuing support from the state and federal governments.

Our vision is lofty and our goals are ambitious. However, with the support of many stakeholders, we will become a great city with sustainable growth that gives future generations opportunities for jobs and housing, preserves open space, and protects the environment.

San Jose's Green Vision is the roadmap for how we will meet our obligations under the U.S. Conference of Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement and reach the most aggressive Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goals in the nation. I will be asking the City Council to adopt the Green Vision goals on October 30.